

RIVERVIEW BRANCH LIBRARY

1 East George Street, Saint Paul, MN 55107

At a Glance: 2006

Built-Remodeled	1917-1989
Square Ft	7,803
Hours/week*	51.5
Days/open/week	Six
Materials Budget	\$56,747
Collection Size	31,812
Books:	
Adult	12,312
Juvenile	14,300
Total Circulation	91,064
Adult	52,302 (57%)
Juvenile	38,762 (43%)
Circulation/FTE	17,856
Total Information	13,182
Information/Ref FTE	3,255
In-House Materials Use	20,592
FTEs Public Service*	5.1
Gate Count	126,759

Computer Workstations (Public) 14: Internet workstations: 4; Word processors: 1; Catalog workstations: 2; Children's workstations: 1; Homework Center: 6

Lounge chairs: 2; Study tables: 6 with 24 chairs; Study carrels: 0

*Information on hours and staff reflect system-wide changes implemented in November 2006

SERVICE PROFILE:

The Riverview Branch Library serves Saint Paul's West Side which is bounded by the Mississippi River on the north, east, and west, and the city's boundary along Annapolis Street to the south. The library, built in 1917, is considered a neighborhood anchor which was strongly defended against possible closing in the 1980s. The building, remodeled in 1989, is a comfortable space which attracts a cross section of the neighborhood, both longtime residents and new arrivals. The collection supports recreational reading, browsing, homework help and English acquisition, with a renewed emphasis on materials in English and Spanish, reflecting and supporting the diversity of the community. Preschool storytimes and Summer Reading Programs are well attended, and long-standing collaborations with local schools result in many regular visits and strong support for teachers.

The Riverview Open Library Project, a three-year program based on a model developed by Libraries for the Future which promotes ownership of the library through outreach and community collaboration, increased the visibility of the library in the Latino, Hmong, and

Cambodian communities.

This outreach effort and the introduction of public Internet and word processing workstations has greatly increased traffic in the building which more closely reflects neighborhood demographics and has resulted in greater in-house use of library materials. The number and diversity of community organizations using the library meeting room has also increased. The inclusion of Spanish-speaking staff at Riverview has been an important component of our outreach efforts to serve our community.

In January 2003, a VISTA-led Homework Help Center opened. Students made 1,533 visits to the SHAC (Student Homework and Activity Center) in the 2004–05 school year, where they were helped by 8 tutors. Through March of the 2005–06 school year, 2,668 visits have been made, and 20 tutors have volunteered more than 600 hours.